

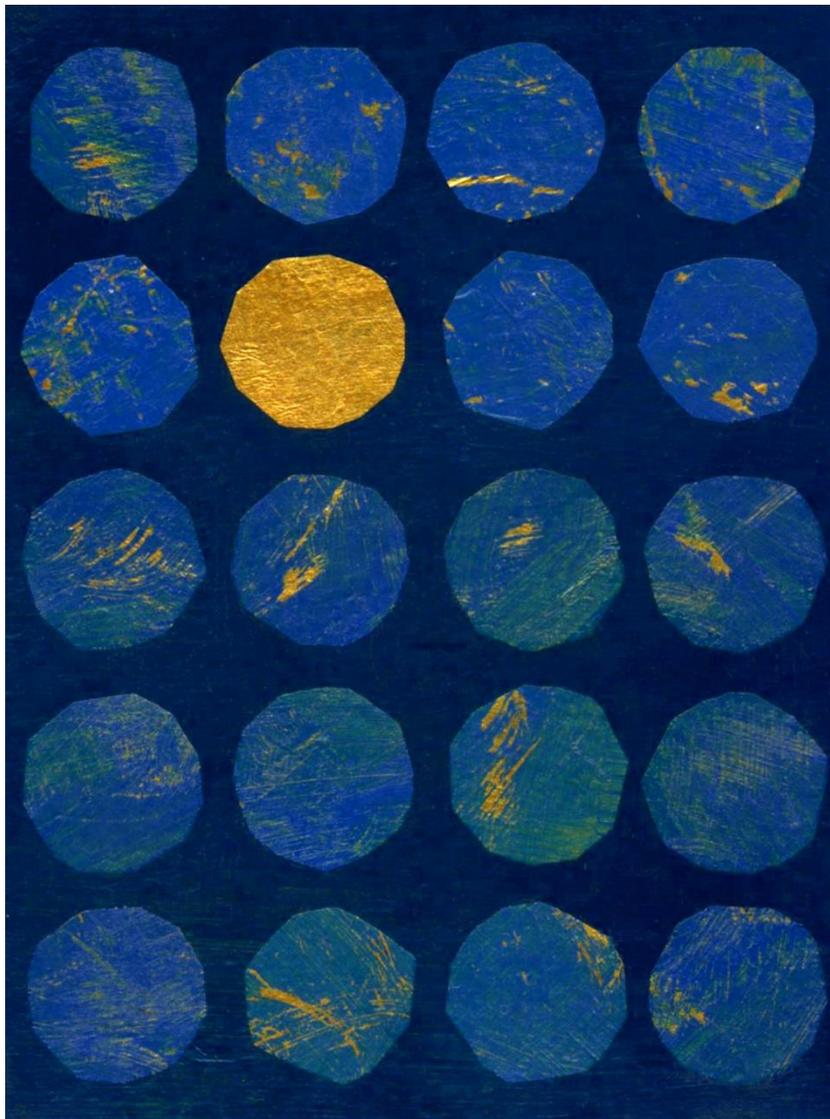


SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022, 8:30am



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The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

Masks are now optional inside the church building and during worship.

Please continue to leave a row between your worshipping group and others.

We are livestreaming this service. Please be aware that if you cross the white line in the Chapel during the stream, you may be visible on camera.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Congregation to recite bolded passages

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth with Give Thanks* arr. by Carol Tornquist

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Randy Clayton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go into the house of the Lord!

Let us meet God with joy!

God builds us up like a great city.

May peace be within our walls.

Let us seek the goodness of God;

let us go into the house of the Lord!

*HYMN #336 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CALL TO CONFESSION Scott Silverwood

This is the time for us to wake from sleep;
salvation is near to us.

Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin,
and put on the armor of righteousness,
asking our Savior for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Scott Silverwood

**O God,
we are steeped in a world of violence.
War is one of the first things we learn,
and we let it work its way into our lives.
Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams,
and we become accustomed to cruelty.
Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands,
and show us how beautiful life can be
when you forge them into instruments of peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scott Silverwood

Beloved, know this:
the God of Presence,
the God of Transformation,
the God of Peace,
hears our prayers
and gives us power to love.
**Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS
HYMN #113

Angels We Have Heard on High
Refrain only

GLORIA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Heid Family

The world says, "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."
As we light our first Advent candle,
we pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

SUNG RESPONSE
HYMN #85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
verse 1

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MATTHEW 24: 36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

SERMON

“Known Unknowns”

The Rev. Dr. Randy Clayton

*HYMN #107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

- *Place it in the offering plate as it is passed.*
- *Online through www.secondpresby.org/give-now or through your Realm account. (If you would like to create a Realm account, email office@secondpresby.org to receive a link to set it up. You can make single or recurring gifts through Realm.)*
- *Text to 73256. Enter "SeekShareServe" —caps not required—in the message box. If you already have a Realm account, please use your log-in.*
- *Mail a check to Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Beau Lochte, handchimes

French carol

arr. by Lee Dengler

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN #609)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #364

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

GILU HAGALILIM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

For many of us, the last act of worship is the postlude. We invite you to remain seated either where you are or in the front rows during the Postlude. If you wish to leave during the music, please be mindful that many are still worshipping.

POSTLUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. by Victor Labenske

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Portions of the liturgy in this morning's service are from Call to Worship, vol. 55.2, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA).

The chancel flowers are given by the Chancel Guild to the Glory of God.

Our Nursery is open to all children under the age of 5. While we delight in having your little ones with us in worship, we know that sometimes it can be hard for families to worship amidst the wiggles and giggles. Parents, rest assured that your children will be in good hands.

Announcements

ADVENT NEWS AND UPDATES

ADVENT WREATH MAKING – TODAY, 9:30AM, SMITH HALL

Join us for this family-friendly annual post-Thanksgiving activity. We will be making Advent Wreaths in Smith Hall during the Christian Education Hour at 9:30 AM. You may take the wreaths home and light each Sunday in Advent. There will be no Sunday School today.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Memorial or celebratory poinsettias have always been a big part of our church Christmas decorations. Donations for these poinsettias are being accepted until Tuesday, December 13th. The donors' names, along with the names of the person(s) remembered or honored will be included in the Christmas worship bulletins. To participate, contact Joyce Zimmerman at 410-467-4210 (ext. 16), email to jzimmerman@secondpresby.org, or simply send a note. Contributions should be made payable to Second Presbyterian Church, noting Chancel Guild in the memo line, and directed to Joyce at the church.

PEACE CHOIR – Peace Choir will be participating in the Christmas Eve service at 5PM. All ages are welcomed! The choir will have both singers and instrumentalists. Stay tuned for more details.

HOLIDAY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

ANGEL TREE – The Angel Tree will be up by the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th. As the needs of our community continue to evolve, we will be working with multiple mission partners this year. Donations through the Angel Tree will benefit Glenwood Life, GEDCO, Helping Up Mission, and more. We invite you to take an angel and return it with your unwrapped donation by Sunday, December 11th, or use the Amazon Wish List (coming soon).

ORCHKIDS BOOK DRIVE – OrchKids began in 2008 with 30 kids at one City school. Today seven schools and 1,800 students participate in this amazingly successful, carefully tracked, in-school and after-school program under the auspices of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Join us to hear more about this amazing mission partner on December 11, 2022 between the two worship services in the Westcott Room. BSO violinist and SPC Member, Ellen Troyer, and program Vice President, Nick Skinner, will present.

Once again, Second Presbyterian Church is gifting 75 books, specially chosen by Rona London, the Ivy Bookstore's children's book expert. We will paste an attractive plate in each book that will say, "Merry Christmas from a friend at Second Presbyterian Church."

To purchase books for OrchKids, simply write on the memo line of your check to Second Presbyterian Church: OrchKids Books. \$20 for one book, \$40 for two and so on. \$100 for five books would make a great gift!

CONGREGATION NEWS AND UPDATES

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Envelopes for the 2023 giving year have been received and are available for pickup in the church office. Please contact Joanna Bradley at joanna@secondpresby.org with any questions.

LITURGISTS NEEDED – Service Slots for fall liturgists for the 10:30 AM service are now full (thank you to everyone who signed up), but many are still open at 8:30 AM. New Sign Up has been created for winter/spring liturgists for both services. Find the sign-up online at secondpresby.org/signups or contact Joanna Bradley at joanna@secondpresby.org

COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Although masking is currently optional at Second, it is still encouraged. The Session has recently re-affirmed the decision to provide socially distanced seating on the lectern side of the Sanctuary. Thank you for respecting the safety and comfort of your fellow worshippers.

SMALL GROUPS

THE BIBLE GUYS – Bible Guys, a men's Bible study group meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at 7 am. For information about the group, please contact Rev. Randy Clayton.

THE HOLY STROLLERS (NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!) – All are invited to join on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our "Holy Strollers" walking group! They meet at the Westcott entrance and walk around local neighborhoods and Sherwood Gardens. Please contact Emily Park at emily@secondpresby.org with any questions or to share interest!

TOGETHER ON TUESDAY – Together on Tuesday meets each Tuesday morning at 7am on Zoom. All are welcome to join in this 45-minute time of prayer and study.

Meeting ID: 885 0938 5420

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Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-12

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